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SUBJECT: Global War on Terrorism Unit Recognition Certificates

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1. **Purpose.** This letter is to announce new Global War on Terrorism Unit Recognition Certificates.
2. **Applicability.** This policy applies to the Active Army, the U.S. Army National Guard, and the U.S. Army Reserve.
3. **Proponent and exception authority.** The proponent for this policy is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (DCS, G-1). The DCS, G-1 is the approval authority for exceptions to this letter that are consistent with controlling law and regulation. This will not be delegated.
4. **Reference.** AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 February 1995.
5. **Explanations of abbreviations and terms.**
 - a. AOE - area of eligibility.
 - b. GWOT - Global War on Terrorism.
 - c. ONE - Operation NOBLE EAGLE.
 - d. OIF - Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.
 - e. OEF - Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.
6. **Responsibilities.**
 - a. The DCS, G-1 will exercise Department of the Army responsibility on matters concerning military awards and serve as the senior Army official on matters concerning military awards.
 - b. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (CG, USA HRC), will conduct and supervise all military awards functions prescribed in this letter. The CG, USA HRC will act on behalf of DCS, G-1 when so delegated and directed.
 - c. The Commandant, Adjutant General School, will ensure that the branch implements this letter.
7. **Overview.** The following policy will not be incorporated in the next revision of Army

Regulation 600-8-22. Certificates will become obsolete upon official termination of wartime activities related to the Global War on Terrorism.

8. Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Unit Recognition Certificates.

a. To properly recognize units who do not have a distinguishing flag, color, or guidon who have participated in GWOT operations, the Secretary of the Army has approved establishment of GWOT Unit Recognition Certificates. Eligibility criteria for each certificate are outlined below.

(1) *Eligibility GWOT Unit Recognition Certificate - Expeditionary, DA Form 7551: Operations ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) & IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF).*

(a) Active and Reserve units deployed in support of OEF for a period of not less than 30 days during the period of 7 October 2001 to date to be determined; participation must have encompassed the specified area of eligibility (AOE) which includes the following: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Bulgaria (Bourgas), Crete, Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania (Constanta), Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey(East of 35 degrees East Latitude), Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen, that portion of the Arabian Sea North of 10 degrees North Latitude and West of 68 degrees Longitude, Bab El Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, that portion of the Mediterranean Sea East of 28 degrees East Longitude, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz, and Suez Canal.

(b) Active and Reserve units deployed in support of OIF for a period of not less than 30 days during the period of 19 March 2003 to date to be determined; participation must have encompassed the specified AOE as defined above.

(2) *Eligibility GWOT Unit Recognition Certificate - Service DA Form 7552: Operations NOBLE EAGLE (ONE), ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), & IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF).*

(a) Units supporting ONE: on active duty for a period of not less than 30 days during the period of 11 September 2001 to date to be determined.


(b) Unit supporting OEF: criteria same as 8.a.(1) above; however, deployment from home station to AOE was not performed.

(c) Unit supporting OIF: criteria same as 8.a.(1) above; however, deployment from home station to AOE was not performed.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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